

MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS WEST- MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a day where we are all called upon to remember and reflect on the sacrifices so many of our men and women have made in our defense. Even those who did not make the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Great Nation sacrificed immensely through tough times of deprivation, uncertainty, and surrender of many personal freedoms. Along with those who went forward were their families and loved ones that stayed behind. Their personal sacrifices too were real. It is because of those who have gone selflessly before, and those that supported them, that we enjoy being a part of the greatest Nation on earth. As we each reflect upon their humbling deeds large and small, we must rededicate ourselves to live equally as worthy and selfless a life in support of our Nation and her citizens. Being a member of the world's greatest military in the world's greatest Nation takes true professionalism and plain hard work. Rejoice in the memory of such a proud legacy. I ask that you take care of yourselves, your families and your loved ones as we enter into the summer months. We need you all on the team to help carry forward and pass on the hard fought, hard won freedoms to our Nations future generations.



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